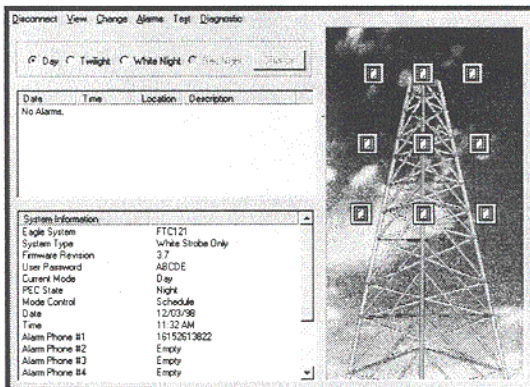# Flash Technology and Y2K Compliance

In spite of the technological challenges facing corporate America over the issue of Y2K compliance, Flash Technology Corporation takes great pride in maintaining the integrity of our products as 100% compliant. It is our belief that public safety is the primary focus of this event. We applaud the FCC for taking the initiative to provide a forum addressing the concerns that come with the changing of the century.

We provide a critical service of public safety in the field of aviation obstruction lighting. In the design and manufacturing of our products, our focus has always been on the best interests of the aviation community. In doing so, our response to the Y2K issue was immediate and thorough. All of our products have been tested extensively, including our monitoring equipment which is our most time- and date-sensitive product. In our investigation of the Y2K issue, we found that only two optional items in this equipment needed to be addressed. Neither item involved critical operation of the monitoring system.

The first optional item related to a log that registers dates and times of events which occur to the lighting system. There were two solutions: make a minor change to the software and implement a system that utilizes 'time elapsed since reset' rather than making use of the actual date. Software upgrades have been available to registered purchasers for over two years, and the 'time elapsed since reset' feature has been successfully implemented.

The second optional item, available in a separate product line, related to an override or 'backup' feature that allows the tower owner to program a schedule for manual control of state change. Corrections were made to the firmware in 1995. Firmware upgrades are also available.

We have heard the vast proliferation of theories regarding the potential problems with the Y2K issue, and as it relates to aviation obstruction lighting - and we receive it as a challenge. Like any other challenge facing our public safety, be assured that Flash Technology remains committed to address these issues, as well as any other needs that may arise.